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If you think lines at Snack Bar are long now, just wait until they start serving alcoholic beverages.

Snack Bar: Carlinville's Newest Pub

By Jonathan Griffel

Snack Bar has made many additions to its menu in the last year, but none as popular as the recent decision to serve draft beer. Sodexo has reached an agreement with major beer distributors and local microbreweries to create what they believe will be a long lasting partnership. Among the brews to be served on tap are Budweiser, Bud Light, Miller Lite, Coors Light and Stag. Microbreweries from St. Louis such as Morgan Street Brewery, Six Row Brewing Company and Urban Chestnut Brewing Company will also be supplying their various flavors for consumption. Snack Bar is looking into adding other imported bottled beers in the near future.

In addition, Snack Bar will be offering more bar inspired dishes such as hot wings and loaded nachos. These entrees will be available for one meal swipe each, whereas the beer is available for purchase with flex dollars. Senior Snack Bar manager Marcos Morenos said, "We choose to bring in draft beer to boost sales. A lot of our new products this year were creating buzz, but none of those compare with this. We expect the addition of draft beer to triple our sales and make Snack Bar the coolest place on campus." With these new freedoms will come new rules to govern the consumption of alcohol at DCC.

1. You have to finish your drink before leaving.

2. If you break a glass, you owe everyone at Snack Bar a beer.

3. You may only purchase two beers per hour.

4. You may not drink while on the clock.

To partner with the beer, there will be new events coming to campus. There will be beer pong tournaments every Tuesday night and keg stand contests on Thursdays. The keg stand contests will be judged on both time and style. Senior accounting major Blake Pollard said, "I love this addition. I am a huge fan of draft beer and the ability to buy it on campus is great. I hope that Ding adopts draft beer too because it makes all food better."



PHOTO BY COURTNEY EGNER

Photographic proof of the terrifying nature of the drug dogs coming to campus.

an institution? If we have more school spirit, more people will want to come to Blackburn!"

This policy will go into effect on April 1. Students

are urged to get rid of their college apparel that does not have a Blackburn Beaver on it. Students are also being encouraged to interact with

the drug sniffing dogs by petting, playing and giving them treats while they are on campus doing their job.

WHO LET THE DRUG DOGS IN?

By Courtney Egner

Blackburn is cracking down on lack of school spirit. Many students have been seen around campus sporting other school's t-shirts and hoodies. "Blackburn College is making a serious effort to crack down on offenses against college pride. Apparel should be red and black and we're taking it back!" said Director of Residence Life Abbey Hardin.

Drug sniffing dogs will be taken into student dorms to find other college apparel. If an Illini shirt is found, not only will students get a written offense on their official record but the apparel will also be confiscated. This has many students concerned, like senior biology major Cierra Smith who will be attending Mizzou for graduate school. "I have a Mizzou hoodie because I am going there in the fall and am excited about it. That doesn't mean that I no longer have school spirit here. I want to

support my future school as well as my current one. I think this issue is stupid."

Transfer students like senior Zach Daum are concerned that they will be persecuted for other reasons. Daum said, "I still have my parking pass from Lewis and Clark Community College on my truck. Will I get a parking ticket for that? It's not my fault the sticker won't come off. It's not our fault we transferred from other schools."

Other students are supportive of this administrative decision from the administration. Junior Haley Haynes, Campus Visit Coordinator in the Admissions Office, said this will help convince prospective students to attend Blackburn. "It looks really bad when our students are supporting other colleges when we have prospective students here on preview day. What does that say about us as

"I THINK THIS ISSUE IS STUPID"

- CIERRA SMITH

Drought at Blackburn

By Jordyn Smith

Due to recent high profile events, Blackburn College will become a dry campus beginning April 1. All alcohol will be banned and any students caught drinking or under the influence on campus will be removed from Blackburn immediately. Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Heidi Heinz said, “An agreement has been established between the institution of Blackburn College and Campus Security that we will become a substance-free campus, effective immediately.” Such substances include drugs and alcohol of all kinds. “We are deeply concerned with the safety of our students,” said Heinz. “We are all a family at Blackburn, and too many incidents have put the safety of our family in jeopardy.” The new rules won’t

affect underage students, but junior and senior students who always drink responsibly are distraught. “I think people are missing the whole concept of college,” said senior sports

management major Andrew “Rudy” Williams. “We are here to learn, but you’re out of your mind if you think kids aren’t going to drink. This is why I moved off campus.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELLIOT BROWN
All alcohol consumption at Blackburn has been officially banned.

A new “Sobriety Society” group will form to help students deal with their stress from classes and work in ways other than drinking. Because students aren’t allowed to drink or be under the influence on campus, Bar Walk will be cancelled this year. Senior business major Maggie Best, who helps organize the event, said, “I think a lot of students were really looking forward to Bar Walk

this semester, especially the seniors. This is our last big get together before we all graduate and go our separate ways.” How will the new rule affect attendance? The general consensus around campus is that “Blackburn was better when it was wetter,” according to Williams.



“BLACKBURN WAS BETTER WHEN IT WAS WETTER”
- ANDREW WILLIAMS

new dress Code

By Bryan Bethel



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Example of an outfit deemed appropriate for a female student.

With the weather changing from winter to spring, there will also be a change in acceptable apparel for the women at Blackburn College. Due to complaints about revealing outfits, especially in the warmer months, college officials have decided to take action. Women on campus will now be required to wear long-sleeve, button-down shirts with dress pants. Officials understand that warm months are ahead of us and have made exceptions to the rule. Instead

of dress pants, women can choose to instead wear skirts as long as they go past their knees. “It’s about time Blackburn pushed for a dress code like this,” said senior math and computer science major Seth Tonsor. “Since I’m a male, I simply can’t concentrate during class with women showing off their bra straps and their legs.” Because there have been no complaints about the apparel worn by men, officials have decided not to create a dress code for male students. “It wouldn’t make sense to punish the guys by making them have a dress code because the women on this campus try to show too much skin,” said freshman psychology major Amber Campbell. “If you ask me, it’s the right thing for school officials to do.” Administrators understand that some students may have trouble affording the new uniform and have decided to sell them at a discounted price in the bookstore. Shirts for the new uniform will start at \$15 and the dress pants will start at \$20. Bookstore general worker Mitchell Elliott said, “The boost in sales will be great for the bookstore since we don’t make enough money selling overpriced textbooks already.” The uniforms will be available in white and gold or possibly in black and blue.

The Hungry Student is REALLY Hungry

By Jordyn Smith

After hearing countless complaints regarding the quality of food and cleanliness at Ding, Blackburn’s notorious dining hall, Sodexo has had enough. After reaching out to students and welcoming comments and suggestions, Snack Bar and Ding have made considerable changes in recent years. But apparently extended hours and additional meal plan options weren’t enough to keep Blackburn students from complaining. Sodexo General Manager Timothy Lucas said that the cooks have reached their boiling point trying desperately to provide healthy and wholesome meals. Lucas reported one of the cooks as saying, “Stick

a fork in me. I’m done.” Beginning April 1, both Ding and Snack Bar will close. This means no runs between classes for smoothies or chicken wraps. Special events and dinners will no longer be catered either. Students are on their own. But students weren’t the only ones depending on Sodexo for their daily meals. Community members who come to the college every night for Ding’s buffet are outraged. “The students at Blackburn are just plain disrespectful,” said community member John Jacobs. “They don’t deserve to eat at such a fine establishment anyway. But Sodexo shouldn’t take it out on us community members either.”

Students are panicking. “I’m so sorry for everything I’ve ever said about Ding,” said sophomore business major Christy Hobbs. “Please don’t leave us! I can only survive off of mac ‘n’ cheese for so long.” Ding and Snack Bar student workers will be placed elsewhere in the Work Program. “I always wanted a job cleaning toilets!” said Snack Bar Assistant Manager Emily Lyerla. Some students are willing to do whatever it takes to provide food service to students at Blackburn. “I don’t want to quit my new job as the Bookstore manager,” said Hobbs. “But I will if I have to. Call me Chef Hobbs!”



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The Curious Case of Clint Mathis

By Calean Gruening

Who is Clint Mathis? Some say he can be spotted at various geology conventions and professional water polo tournaments across the nation. Others say that he is responsible for crop circles and ancient cave drawings because it seems like something Mathis would do in his spare time. Several students have mistaken him for a suspicious character as they see him maintaining the appearance, safety and integrity of our campus overnight. Although his presence is fleeting and misunderstood, Mathis is recognized as a pillar of excellence and an inspiration to Blackburn. Most know Mathis as friend, classmate,

brother or humanitarian. Yet, two things reign true: women want him and men want to be him. He's not James Bond. He's the man who bested Bond. He is Clint Mathis.

I recently had a chance to sit down with sophomore anthropology major Clint Mathis and ask him a few questions. "Were you raised by wolves?" "Yes. It all began in 1987. A family of wolves lived very close by. It really taught my family and I to stay alert. We never lived in fear, but the experience taught us to be prepared at all times." "What are the most essential things to carry on your person at all times?" "Lots of duct tape. Add in some scuba gear, a first aid kit, a one hundred grand chocolate bar, a Classic Swiss Army Knife and subtract one original Super Mario Bros. cartridge for NES (Nintendo Entertainment System). You can't bring the Bros. everywhere, especially not underwater." Mathis declined further comment after stating, "Duty calls."

Very few have the pleasure of Clint's companionship on campus. Only a handful of people aside from the man himself could tell me who the real Clint Mathis is. Junior psychology major Jesse



PHOTO BY CALEAN GRUENING

Clint Mathis always keeps us well- informed.

Medina came forward with his inside scoop: "[Clint] he's a great guy! He helped me nail my water polo stroke. Super helpful dude." Senior criminal justice major Chelsea Jacobs

added, "He's a nice guy. About yay tall, nice shoulders, pretty eyes. All his teeth are intact." The impact of Mathis's actions are apparent on campus and his presence on Facebook is

absolutely electric. It would be unfair to call him a jack of all trades, however, because he's mastered everything. In other words, he doesn't reinvent the wheel. He is the wheel.



PHOTO BY JESSIE WILLARD

Art adjunct professor Chris Day is armed with his ruler and ready to show students who's in charge.

The Crack of a New Day

By Jessie Willard

Students may begin to notice changes in the attitude of adjunct art professor Chris Day. He has chosen to crack down on students in order to make the department more successful. Some claim he is too strict and his punishments are very harsh. Day gave some input on why a new attitude was necessary and what he does to ensure that students will do well.

There were several student behaviors that inspired Day to develop an authoritarian stance. He said, "I am tired of

all the singing! I am tired of the pajama wearing, the slouchy shoulders, the confused looking faces, arriving late and leaving early!" He is done with student excuses and is frustrated that they would rather play with the apps on their phones than do research. However, his biggest concern is that students do not understand his movie references and this makes him feel old.

Day has implemented "old school enforcement" in response to these concerns. He uses dunce hats and carries a ruler to hit students' wrists when their behavior is problematic. "I've milled a nice paddle that I hang in my office just in case... [And] you must run laps around the VAC and Bothwell if you begin to cry in my class," he added. His grading system has also changed significantly. Every student starts with a failing grade and must prove that they deserve a passing grade. To date, no student has been able to achieve an A.

Despite all of Day's improvements, he claims that the students are hopeless. He said, "I am no longer concerned with the students doing better. The question is— is this generation of students

even capable of doing better?" He hopes the weaker students drop his classes so he can begin to teach topics of importance such as incorporating old movies into artwork. Day wishes to start a new revolution and he plans to develop a new breed of students that will dominate the non-competitive one. "All students are lazy!" he asserted. "Be warned... You should be rather afraid of me, my classroom and my anger. No student passes my class without feeling my wrath... By mid-term, you will be wrapped up in a ball in the corner of a room singing 'I Dreamed a Dream' from 'Les Miserables.'" Senior graphic arts major Miranda Jacobs confirmed that Day is enforcing stricter punishments. "If students are caught not doing their work, Chris will duct tape them to a chair and make them watch clips from 'Frozen' for hours on end!" she said.



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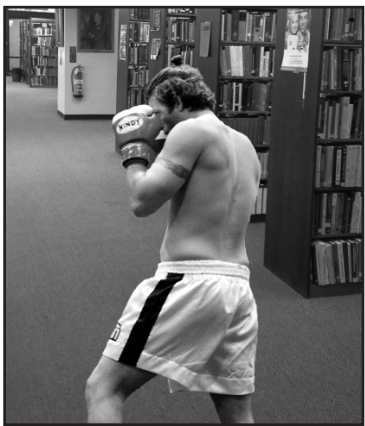
By Lindsey Becker

Rumors have been flying, and it turns out fists have been too. That's right: a fight club has been secretly started on Blackburn's campus. It was difficult to track down a member, and even more difficult to get one to go on the record, as this violates the club's rules.

"We're no strangers to love. You know the rules and so do I," said anthropology major Clint Mathis, who is also featured in his own article this issue. "A full commitment's what I'm thinking of, you wouldn't get this from any other guy. I just wanna tell you how I'm feeling, gotta make you understand.

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Clint Mathis preparing to fight in Lumpkin Learning Commons.

know the game and we're gonna play it. And if you ask me how I'm feeling, don't tell me you're too blind to see.

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NEW PROVOST IS A REAL FAMILY GUY

By Jon Griffel



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Art dedicated to our new Provost.

The wait is finally over and Blackburn College is proud to announce that its newest provost will be Peter Griffin. Griffin is most commonly recognized as the main character on the television show "Family Guy," which first aired on Dec. 20th, 1998. Griffin is married to Lois and they have three kids: Chris, Meg and Stewie. Griffin graduated from James Woods High School in Rhode Island at some unknown point, and has been very loyal to his alma mater. Provost is the most recent job in a long list of occupations that Griffin has taken up, including Chief Safety Inspector at the Happy-Go-Lucky Toy Factory, New England Patriot and shipping clerk at Pawtucket Brewery. "I believe that all of my past career moves have made me into the person I am today. I will take all of the experience I have gained and use it to make Blackburn a better place," said Griffin. "I never went to college but I bet that Steve Segal did."

Griffin had some reservations about leaving Quahog, R.I. to come to Carlinville, but he believes he will adapt very well. His family will be making the trip with him, as well as his dog Brian. It is rumored that some

of Peter's close friends will be coming with the Griffin family, with Joe Swanson and Glenn Quagmire as the front runners. One person many hope will not be making the move with the Griffins is Ernie the Giant Chicken.

Griffin will certainly bring a unique atmosphere to the campus, one that might shock the rural community. Much of the comedy used by his family is crude and might be considered disgusting by more conservative viewers. One of Griffin's main goals is to reenergize the college band. "I used to play the trombone. I call dibs on first chair," he declared.

Senior biology major Jacob Maag served as a student representative on the provost search committee. "We believe that Peter Griffin will make an excellent addition to Blackburn's campus. His long list of jobs brings a type of versatility that will fit well into the work atmosphere of Blackburn. By far he was not the most qualified candidate; in fact, he was the least qualified of all. However, he has promised us that he will never wear a bow tie, which is something we were definitely looking for in a provost," said Maag.

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"Blue and black all the way."

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"I have never seen the real picture by itself. I saw where the three images looked differently."

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By Karlee Brimberry

Blackburn College’s online radio station recently announced they will team up with Lady Gaga and Beyoncé for the launch event on April 1. Radio station co-manager Jessica Clements stated, “We are very excited to get performers like Beyoncé and Lady Gaga to make guest appearances for our radio station. We feel this is exactly what the radio station needs to get its name out there for Blackburn. Clements and the rest of the radio crew are very excited that the two pop stars will also be hosting a talk show segment and will be answering questions from different students who send in questions to the station. Lady Gaga and Beyoncé also plan to perform a private concert for the station’s biggest fans. The two divas will be performing their popular songs together like “Telephone” and “Video Phone” along with other numerous individual hits. Those students who sent in C.D.’s to the radio station this semester

will have an automatic front row invitation to the concert. Another activity Blackburn will be holding for the pop stars arrival will be a celebrity look-alike contest. Both Beyoncé and Lady Gaga will judge every student that wishes to participate in this competition, male or female. The final winners will be selected for front row seating at the concert, along with those who donated CDs. Since Lady Gaga and Beyoncé will be traveling such a long way, both stars will also need a host while on campus. In order to be selected for the celebrities to stay in your room, every student must compete in a karaoke showdown against each individual singer and then Lady Gaga and Beyoncé will choose the winners. Each student the celebrities choose to stay with will be required to swipe for each pop star in the dining hall and also give them a tour around campus and Carlinville. The dining hall will be stepping up their food

choices the day the celebrities join campus, including not only their finest slices of pizza but also actual real meat. Freshman communications major Kaitlyn Finley commented, “I am Beyoncé’s biggest fan. She is the reason I am minoring in music. I listened to Beyoncé so much growing up, I feel like I am Beyoncé. When she arrives on campus, not only will I be participating in the look alike contest, I will also challenge her to a battle in the karaoke contest.” Finley is very confident she will win the battle in order for Beyoncé to stay with her, and is ready for anyone to challenge her, stating that she has been practicing her karaoke skills for weeks now. After the private concert, popstars will sign autographs for a limited amount of time in the Demuzio Campus Center. Be on the look out for more celebrities on campus as the spring semester begins to wind down.

By Michelle Flood

Unless you’ve been in a serious relationship or you’ve been too wrapped up in your dating/hook-up app for iPhone and Android users. Tinder uses geolocation technology to locate nearby potential partners for its users. The rules are simple: swipe left to anonymously reject someone’s profile and swipe right if you’re interested. If two people swipe right on each other’s profiles, then they’re matched and can message each other. So if you’re one of the app’s 50 million worldwide users, there’s a good chance that you’re probably rocking your Tinder game. I interviewed several women about what they love to see on guys’ Tinder profiles and the best part? You’re more than likely already doing most of these. 1. Your mirror selfies and smoking photos are totally working. Senior business management major Kasara Murdzia has been using the app for a few months. She uses the app mostly just to talk to guys, but she loves certain types of photos. “If I see a guy smoking in any of his Tinder photos, I’m automatically going to swipe right. It’s such a turn on,” she explained. “Plus if his photo is super douche-y, that’s also an instant yes.” Flexing in the mirror is a surefire way to make you look like a tool. Tinder is a toolbox and you’re just making it even better. Ideally, your first photo should be top-drawer. It’s superficial but it’s true. But don’t completely forget about your other photo options either. Fill the rest of your profile

with photos that show off what a manly man you are. The best profile photos include: 1. Overly crowded group photos (we love a good game of Where’s Waldo), posing with dead animals, posing with half-naked women, posing with your girlfriend, etc. 2. Your bio is super great – or nonexistent. “I try not to be a shallow person so sometimes I’ll look past the photos and read what the guy has said about himself. If there’s nothing, that’s even better,” explained junior psychology major Jess Clements. “I like

it when guys are mysterious. Bonus points if he turns out to be a serial killer!” she added. 3. You match with her but don’t message her right away. Women love to be ignored. It doesn’t matter how many other matches she has waiting for her in the app. Who’s she going to be thinking about at the end of the night? The one guy that didn’t hit her up. 4. Your most clever pickup line? We’ve heard it a million times, but we still keep coming back for more. My personal favorite is, “How many seafood dinners would it take to turn

you into my personal bedroom acrobat?” Freshman Laura Surratt loves pickup lines because they work every single time. “One time a guy said, ‘Do you live in a corn field cause I’m stalking you’ and I felt so bad for him that I went on a date with him that night,” she explained. Sometimes other tricks work too. Senior business and accounting major Laura Lyons is a sucker for one thing. “I love it when a guy from Tinder asks me to meet up with him to watch ‘Game of Thrones,’” she said. “That’s the quickest way to my heart. And my ta-tas.” 5. You don’t match your profile. Whether you’re using photos that don’t even look like you or you’re lying about your interests in your biography, she’s going to love it. If you get past the Tinder messaging phase and move to Facebook, texting, or face-to-face encounters, she’s going to be so thrilled that she played Tinder Russian Roulette on you. What a great way to surprise a girl! At least you’re keeping it interesting.

As long as you’re making use of all these Tinder tips, you should have some degree of success, whether you’re using the app for talking to people, hooking up or actual dating. By being unoriginal and making yourself look like a complete jerk, you’re already making yourself stand out from the crowd. So pause “Game of Thrones,” and get to swiping!



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work program. The college is considering the revival of the old dairy farm due to students’ requests and is currently negotiating with Sodexo. Junior psychology major Jesse Medina resides in Jewell Hall and feels that the change will improve the freshmen class. He said, “[The freshmen] are barbarians without society. I’m pretty sure they’ve gone tribal.” He feels that the de-renovation of Jewell will help the freshmen develop a more mature and civilized attitude. Several freshmen are outraged about the situation, such as sports management major Trisha Schultz. “The de-renovation has completely changed my perspective of Blackburn College,” she said. “I no longer wish to attend here.” Students that have any problems with the changes are recommended to write a five to seven page essay on their opinion and email it to President Dr. John Comerford. It must be cited in MLA format, have five sources and must be completed by the middle of April for any consideration.

“The freshmen are barbarians . . . I’m pretty sure they’ve gone tribal.”
- Jesse Medina

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“FIFTY SHADES OF GREY” ABOUT TO WIN BIG TIME

By Michelle Flood

The book that’s been on everyone’s mind this year is about to receive one of Illinois’ most prestigious awards: “Fifty Shades of Grey” is about to win the 2015 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers’ Book Award. The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers’ Book Award is “given to the author of the book voted most outstanding by students in grades four through eight in participating Illinois schools,” according to the organization’s website (www.rebeccacaudill.org). Rebecca Caudill lived in Urbana, Ill. where she wrote children’s literature for almost 50 years. Each year elementary and middle school students vote to select which novel they think should win. Winning books are marked by silver medals on each of their covers. Senior psychology major Taylor Hess remembers voting for the award when she was younger. “Back in the day the Rebecca Caudill award had so many boring titles like ‘The Giver’ and ‘Matilda’ and I never really liked any of the books on the list,” she explained. “But now I’m super stoked that they’re stepping up their game and adding real quality literature like ‘Fifty Shades of Grey’ to the roster. That’s awesome.” Published in 2011, E.L. James’ novel “Fifty Shades of Grey” is the first novel in the trilogy and has sold over 100 million copies worldwide. With the February release of the film adaptation, it’s no

wonder that the novel is so beloved by readers age ten to 15. Better yet, the novel is a wholesome read for the whole family. Bookstore manager Ashleigh Clendenny said, “I think the book is great. When

I have children one day, I’m going to read ‘Fifty Shades’ as a bedtime story. I really want my kids to know how a woman should be treated and this book is perfect for that.” Senior marketing

major Vicki Michaels’ son participates in the annual voting at his elementary school. She was overjoyed to help him pick a title from the list. “When Ethan came home with the nomination list, I was so

excited because ‘Fifty Shades’ was on it. It’s our favorite book in my household,” she said.



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The cover of “Fifty Shades of Grey” is about to receive the Rebecca Caudill medal.

CLASSIC WHO VS. NEW WHO

By Jess Willard

“Doctor Who” premiered in 1963 as one of the first science-fiction television shows, but unfortunate circumstances caused the show to leave the air in 1989. The series rebooted in 2005 and regained the popularity it had when it first began. Unfortunately, the return also started a feud between the fans of the rebooted series, “New Whovians,” and fans of the previous series, “Classic Whovians.” Within recent years, the feud has gone from simple quibbles to a bloody war.

Cities and small towns alike have been affected by this war, and Blackburn is no different. Senior professional writing major Zach Daum identifies as a Classic Whovian and explained his thoughts on New Whovians. “There is no point in watching ‘Doctor Who’ unless you start from the beginning. New Whovians miss out on the real show!” he said. He finds it ridiculous that they skip the seasons of the show that gave it the fame it has today. He doesn’t have a fond opinion of the current writers

for the series and singled out one in particular. “Steven Moffat sucks!” he added. As a New Whovian, freshman creative writing and English major Kaja Carter has a different view. “Classic episodes of ‘Doctor Who’ have lame special effects. Daleks [an extraterrestrial cyborg and villain in the show] are basically buckets with toilet plungers attached to them. New episodes of ‘Doctor Who’ flow better with their continuous storylines,” she said. She personally believes

that Moffat is a “genius” and claims she would not be very kind to a Classic Whovian if she saw one on campus. Carter said, “I would kick them in the shin and run.” The feud is beginning to escalate at Blackburn, and if Classic and New Whovians don’t resolve their contrasting opinions, then they could end up like the students across the pond. Sophomore biology major Ben Nichols is studying abroad in Wales this semester. According to him, Great Britain is being torn apart because of

this feud. “Today, the war is at a stalemate with trenches dug in across South Wales and stretching north towards the border with England. Nearly approaching its tenth year, the war has scarred the Welsh country side.” This terrifying scenario should have Blackburn students begging for Classic and New Whovians to stop this madness.



How to Renew Your Bisexual License

By Jess Willard

Students feel safer about expressing their sexual orientation on campus because of Spectrum, a student organization that offers members of the Blackburn community acceptance in regards to sexual preference and gender identity. Several students have come out as bisexual and revealed a government secret behind their sexuality. These students must renew a bisexuality license every year after they reach adulthood to prove they have not strayed from their orientation. The process of renewing their license is a long, strenuous process involving a written exam and obstacle course. It is unfair that bisexuals have to prove their sexual orientation so they can identify as they choose to—especially through difficult tests.

Sophomore history major Phillip Johnson offered some information about the renewal

process. He said that bisexuals receive identification papers at birth that reveal their orientation. “Sexual preference is developed when a person is born. It’s just like the musical prophet Lady Gaga says: we are born this way,” he added. These identification papers must be presented at the beginning of the written exam. The exam varies from year to year, but the topic is usually about how to please members of the biological female and male sexes emotionally and physically. Johnson also said that bisexuals must limber up for the obstacle course. The course involves swinging across the rings two at a time and climbing a rope using arms and legs simultaneously. Johnson’s information about the tests prompts the question: If bisexuals are born with their identity, then why do they have to prove themselves further?

Those of bisexual orientation begin training

months prior to their renewal date due to the difficulty of the process. Freshman biology and psychology major Emily Nelson said that she begins preparing for the renewal of her license about six months in advance. This preparation consists of “bisexual activities” such as riding her bicycle around town. She makes sure to use both pens and pencils to write as well. “Before I go to renew my license, I make sure to hug both my brother and sister for luck. All of these activities ensure that I will do well and be able to identify as a bisexual for another year,” she said. Bisexuals spend the majority of each year training to prove themselves worthy of their identity. A piece of paper has grown to define them and they dedicate most of their adult lives to it.

There are some bisexuals who defy the government process of renewing their bisexuality license, such



PHOTO BY EMILY NELSON

Freshman biology and psychology major Emily Nelson prepared to renew her bisexuality license by riding her bicycle around her hometown.

as senior chemistry major Alex Martin. She believes that she should not have to prove herself a bisexual. “The gods have gifted me with my sexuality. Why do I need to prove myself through a piece of paper?” she asserted. Martin puts forth a good point

that bisexuals should consider before they go to renew their license. Bisexuals should be treated equally to those of other sexual orientations; the process they go through is unjust and discriminatory. Here is exactly how to renew your bisexuality license this year—just don’t.

PRESIDENT OBAMA SEEKS THIRD TERM

By Logan Early

In 1940, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected to his third term as President of the United States of America. This was an unprecedented turn of events, as every president before him had served a two term limit, following in the footsteps of George Washington. Here the nation stands on the edge of another such moment in American history. Although the 22nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States set the limit of presidential terms at two, Barack Obama has (thankfully) decided to issue an executive order declaring this limit null and void. This marks the very first time that he has disregarded the Constitution.

When reached for comment on the story, the entire state of Texas threatened to secede from the Union in a shocking turn of events.

Many Americans will be flabbergasted by this announcement. I for one am overjoyed. No longer do we as Americans have to think for ourselves; instead, we

can all come together as a single, productive unit and answer the tough questions before us. What should we do about Guantanamo Bay? Close it. When? We’ll get around to it eventually. What should the nation do about the growing concern in Syria regarding ISIS? Listen, guys,

we’ll deal with it. We have to be able to walk before we can run, am I right?

Freshman accounting major Kyle Kesinger boldly remarked, “If Obama becomes president again, I’m cancelling my American citizenship like a credit card. I’m moving to Australia.” Kesinger is

thinking about the situation all wrong. This is the man who single-handedly dropkicked Osama bin Laden and made him tap out with a UFC-style arm bar, metaphorically speaking. If Obama can track down and (have someone else) kill our nation’s number one enemy, then he can surely

solve any problem presented to him. Just think back a mere seven years to when Obama took over after the abysmal Bush Administration. Are you thinking about it? Okay, good. Aren’t we in a lot better situation now than when Bush left office? Yes, we are. We are no longer engaged in a war of any sort, we are certainly not in debt, and our personal privacy has never been more secure.

This is the right move for America. Sometimes you have to step on a few toes to get something accomplished, and Obama has certainly stepped on a few toes in his day. Obama’s leadership has this nation back on the right track toward recovering from the nation’s most devastating economic collapse since the Great Depression. Unemployment has got to be nearly nonexistent at this point. Furthermore, all Americans have a flawless health care system that benefits everybody in the long run. For all of these things, I for one can honestly proclaim, “Thanks, Obama!”



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This bald eagle endorses Obama for president. Again.

Talk 2 Tim

By Tim Morenz

Greetings and Salutations Blackburn College!
We have a lot of ground to cover. It's all about roommates this issue. Let's go.

Dear Tim,
"My roommate acts like a farm animal every time I read for my Shakespeare class, particularly when I get to the punctuation. I desperately want them to like me, but this is really freaking me out. What can I do to help? –Freakishly freaked out freaking friend from France aka Frank"

Hey Frank,
If I have seen this happen once, I have seen it happen a million times. In the professional therapy world, the condition has a specific name:

The Trauma Drama Llama Comma.
In India or the Far East, it is known as the Karma Dharma Trauma Drama Llama comma, sometimes when subsidized by drug companies it is also known the the Big Pharma Karma Dharma Trauma Drama Llama Comma. It can really harm interpersonal relationships. But don't lose hope!! You can win them over to liking you, but at the same time helping them through this well known condition. These are some of the best things that have worked in the past:

1. Establish your dominance in the relationship by peeing on their belongings.
2. Physical closeness is also important, so any time they ask for you to hand them

- something, use your chin.
3. Each time they use the restroom, follow them into it while chanting "Hey...batter, batter, batter, SWIIING, batter, batter, batter!!" They will appreciate the encouragement.
4. During one of these episodes, nothing can snap them out of it quite like a running chest or belly bump... from about 40 yards.
5. End each conversation with..." Why yes. Yes, you are too sexy for that shirt!"
6. Since you are from France, perhaps use wisdom from the French Taunter in "Monty Pythonand and the Holy Grail" and fart in their general direction.
7. These patients react very well to sound. Gargling the National Anthem several

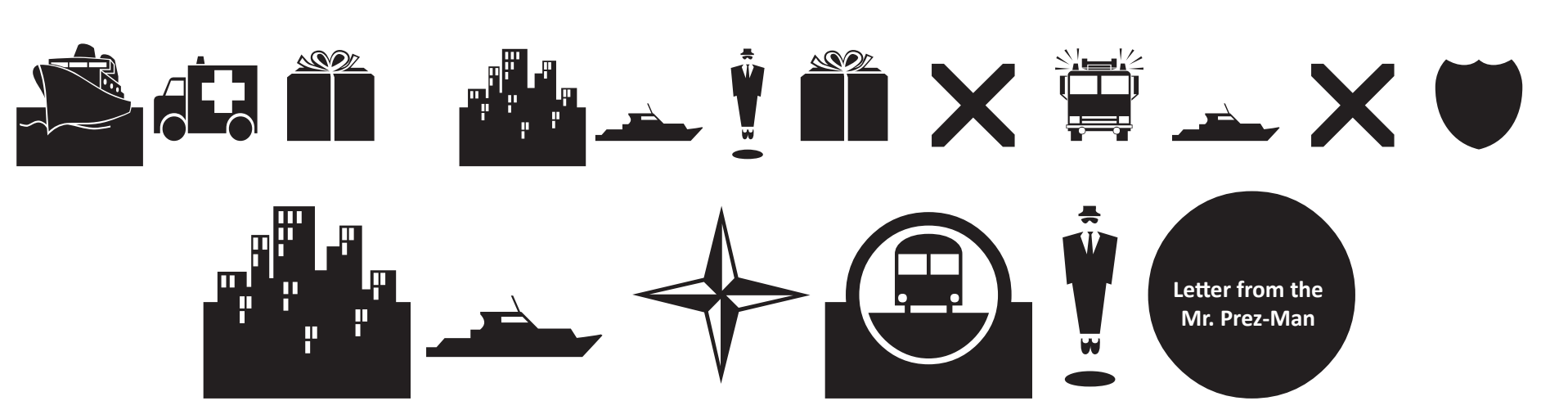
- times a day will not only increase their patriotism, but it also might manage their symptoms.
8. A new clinical trial of shaking their hand after immersing yours in melted butter is showing promise.
- That is, if this condition really is the Trauma Drama Llama Comma. It could also be Freaker Speaker Beaver Fever, but the only cure for that condition is the Freaker Speaker Beaver Fever Cleaver. It works, but only once.
- Let me know how it goes. However, I cannot testify at any hearings for restraining orders or be named in any damages.
- Until next time,
Beaver Nation!



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Tim Morenz, College Dutch Uncle

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By John Comerford

I am grateful to the award-winning staff of the 'Burnian for the opportunity to contribute to each issue of the paper. While I often take the chance to prove I am a Doctor of Philosophy by waxing poetically in this space, I will instead make a series of administrative announcements:
Free Tuition For All – Our Affordable Access Award (AAA) program has been so successful in attracting more students to Blackburn, we have decided to extend it to all students. We have revised our projection for fall to reflect a freshman class with 2,000 members. Be advised that

students will have to share desks in classrooms and "hot bunk" in residence halls to maximize the use of our space.
New Fee Structure – In a totally unrelated bit of news, we will also start a new student fee structure. The student activities fee will remain unchanged, but the technology fee will be increased slightly to \$18,000 per year. After all, all this new Wi-Fi is not free.
Committees – I have received many comments from faculty, staff and students about the committees we use to make decisions. Some think we have too many, some think we have enough and a few looking for something to do

on Saturday afternoons think we have too few. I believe the best possible committee structure deserves a study and recommendations, so I will appoint a Committee on Committees to lead the review. I know that the appointment of a representative group is essential, so I will first ask a Committee on the Committee on Committees to recommend appropriate membership. Academic divisions and staff groups are welcome to use their own Nominating Committee for the Committee on the Committee on Committees to appointment people to the process.
Campus Hotel – Many

people wish Carlinville had a new hotel. It is no coincidence that so many students said the new lobby of the Learning Commons looks like a hotel. That's the plan and you spoiled the surprise! The New Construction crew is converting the north wing into a Presidential Suite to be used for VIP visitors (and my daily nap). The reading room will be carved into smaller rooms with the mezzanine becoming the campus bar that students seem to want – offering refreshment at the typical \$8 per beer hotel rate.
Unsafe Space – We have worked hard to create spaces where students of different

backgrounds, cultures and identities can feel safe. Many faculty and staff have been trained and had their offices designated "safe spaces." We have reached a point of critical mass, so I am pleased to announce that the full campus will be designated a "safe space." We ask that any intolerant comments be restrained to the "unsafe spaces" designated on campus, the first of which will be around the dumpster behind Stoddard.
I hope and expect that these changes will be welcome additions to the Blackburn College community!

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Is Derrick Rose Out of Gas?

By Caelen Gruening

Derrick Rose is headed to the sidelines again. The Chicago Bulls organization and community- including fans, staff and players- are devastated after losing Rose to his third season-ending knee injury (within the last three years). Sports fans are starting to wonder if this is the end for Rose? The Chicago Bulls front office won't comment on the possibility of retirement, but they recently decided to erect a statue dedicated to all of Rose's past accomplishments, such as receiving the Most Valuable Player award during the 2010-2011 NBA season. Along with the dreams of the Bulls title contention in the post-Michael Jordan era, however, the statue collapsed due to a casting flaw in the knee region. The entire organization reports being torn apart by the series of events

that have taken place over the last few weeks. Sophomore anthropology major Clint Mathis said, "I'm just so shocked by the news. I mean, I don't really watch basketball. I play a lot of water polo, table tennis and frisbee golf myself. I do feel for the guy, though".

Even more recently, the media accused the surgeons who repaired Rose's knees over the years of being unethical or "cheaters". Critics refuse to accept that anyone even performed surgery on Rose. Instead, they claim that doctors merely injected jello into Rose's knees. These accusations are based on the belief that the surgeons were and still are on the LeBron James bandwagon. Mathis speculates that it was the years Rose spent doing squats improperly that progressively

destroyed the tissue in his knees. "If only Heidi Tyson revealed her techniques to The 'Burnian' sooner," Mathis said.

The rumor mill says that the Bulls want to retain Rose as a bench warmer if he chooses to retire from playing. Sport scientists actually discovered through research that a warm butt is key to performance. Rose has lots of experience and has proven himself as a support system for his team in that role. If Rose declines the offer and chooses not to retire from playing, it would undoubtedly affect his chances of staying with the Bulls. Rose has to start thinking about his legacy with the Bulls; will he go down in history as the MVP that never got back up or the man with a butt that stood for something great?

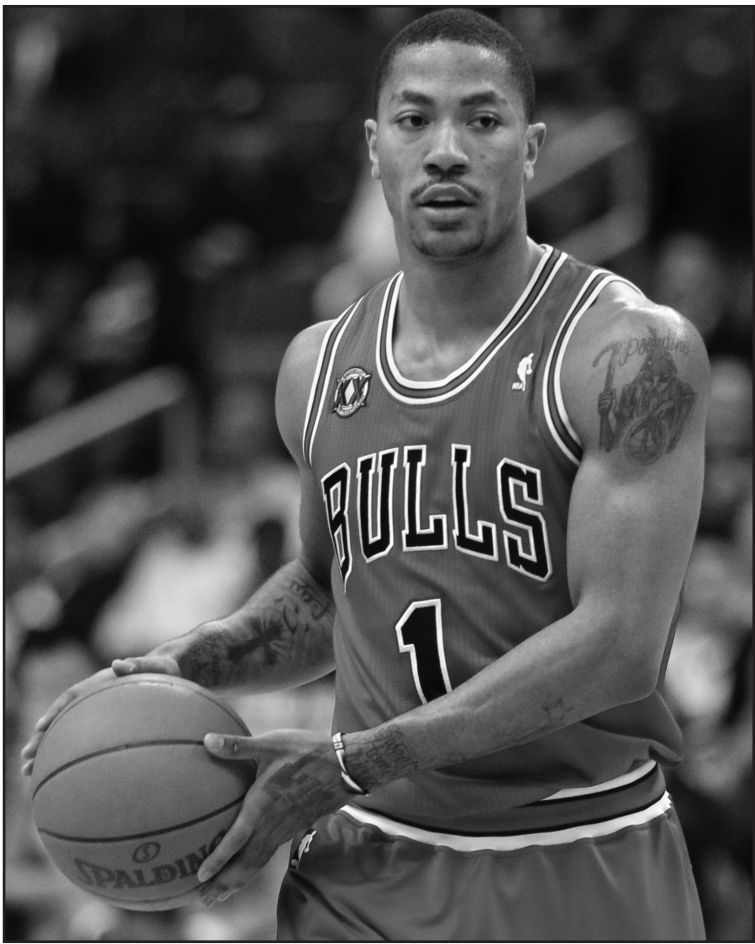


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Is Derrick Rose set for an early retirement or is his career just getting started?

2016 Olympics to be Held in Carlinville

By Jordyn Smith

Carlinville, Ill.—Home of the 2016 Olympic Games.

Although the Olympics were originally scheduled to take place in Rio de Janeiro, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has changed its plans. With Blackburn College's renowned facilities and energetic atmosphere, the Games will be relocated

to Carlinville and will take place Aug. 5-21. As the event might interfere with move-in day, students will be required to stay on campus all summer. Classes scheduled for the fall semester will be held during the summer in order to allow plenty of time and space for Olympic preparations.

How will we make room

for 13,000 competitors with 500 students on campus? According to Interim Director of Athletics and Recreation Mark Hopping, the dormitories will be used by competitors. "All students will take up cots in the Dawes gymnasium in order to house the international athletes," he said.

The Winter Olympics will also take place at Blackburn in the hopes of bringing economic prosperity to Carlinville.

Hopping said that Carlinville was chosen as the location because our harsh winters are ideal for the winter events. Our new ice rink (see page 12) will

be perfect for figure skating, and the hill by Stoddard Hall will accommodate skiing and snowboarding events. Aside from that, our top-notch facilities are what will attract the professional athletes from all over the world.

While some students believe the whole situation to be a bit unfair, others are ecstatic to be a part of a global event. Senior criminal justice major Carly Vunetich is proud to show off Blackburn's facilities. "I think for being our size of school, we have an amazing facility," said Vunetich. "Our student staff

takes great care of all our equipment and buildings."

Student workers will be busy making preparations for the upcoming celebration by taking on interesting jobs. A special committee has been formed just to plan the entertainment during the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. The Public Relations office will also be hard at work advertising while physical plant workers will be making sure everything is in excellent condition. Everyone will have a role in next year's games. In the words of Hopping, "Go USA!"



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These six ladies are practicing their routine for the 2016 Olympic Ceremonies.


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Get Your Brooms Ready! Curling is coming to Blackburn!

By Jon Griffel

Blackburn's newest sport has arrived and it's the coldest on a target at the other end of the ice. Each team has eight rocks and the goal is to try to get them as close as they can to the target. In order to win, you must score more points than the opposing team. Team Canadaian 2002 Olympic Bronze medalist Julie Skinner. Skinner was unavailable for comment, though she brings hopes for championships and a full season in the winter of 2015-2016. The team will be coached by former Director Mark Hopping said, "Curling has become very popular in recent years and Blackburn Interim Athletic facility. Our curling stones are the finest stones around." The team will consist of six males and six females, with each participating as two teams of six.

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Upcoming Sports Events

Curling Team Schedule

- 12-5-15 Blackburn at Harvard
- 12-10-15 Blackburn at University of Minnesota
- 12-15-15 Blackburn at University of Alaska-Fairbanks
- 12-22-15 Blackburn at University of Toronto
- 12-30-15 Blackburn at Yale
- 1-5-16 Blackburn at University of Florida
- 1-10-16 Blackburn at Morehead State University
- 1-31-16 Blackburn at University of Michigan



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Proper form is very important to avoid injury in a rigorous sport such as curling.

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Losing weight is as easy as eating a piece of cake. In fact, one cupcake a day will keep the doctor away! Here are a few habits you should get into if you want to get your body ready for summertime!

Nutrition:

1. Fast food is just as healthy as cooking at home. So go ahead and get that double cheeseburger with French fries! Just make sure you get a Diet Coke to balance everything out.
2. Don't drink too much water! You'll gain a bunch of stick to only a cup or two a day. Drink sodas, lattes and sugary juices the rest of the day.
3. Eat dessert with every meal, even breakfast. In fact, breakfast should be dessert! That way you start your day energized with plenty of sugar. Go for a double chocolate

room will make you look like a man, so don't do it!

3. Gentlemen, do not do any form of cardio, ever. You will lose all your muscle and look like a deflated football. Also, only do leg day once a month because arm day is so much more macho.
4. When weightlifting, make sure to rest at least ten minutes between each set, but stay on whatever machine you are using while you rest. If you get up, then you will lose all your gains.
5. After you use any machine, keep your weights on it to let everyone know how strong you are.

Disclaimer: These statements are all entirely false and dripping with sarcasm. They are only meant to be funny, so please do not include any of these tips into your healthy lifestyle!

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